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NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching Christmas and our children have been involved in many activities during the term. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and find it keeps you in touch with what happens in the school and what is coming up.

First Holy Communion

Do This in Memory' Programme.

The 2nd 'Do This in Memory' Mass will take place on Sunday, November 25th at 11am in St. Paul's Church.

It is very important that all Children making their First Holy Communion attend.

Please check the website or app for all the 'Do This in Memory' Mass dates.

Parent /Teacher Meetings

Our parent/teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday Dec. 4th and Wednesday, Dec. 5th from 2.15 to 4.15pm

If you have any problem with your allocated time (which will be given out by your child's teacher) please contact your class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you on these days to discuss your child's progress.

Christmas Service:

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place in the Redemptorist Church on Thursday Dec. 20th at 11am. Parents are very welcome.



Contact Details:-

Have you changed your mobile number or moved house? If your contact details have changed, please inform the school.

St. Paul's Parents Association

A full list of Committee members and Parent Reps have been posted on our App and on the Parent's Association Section in school website. If you would like to add your name to this list, please email:

stpaulsparentsa@gmail.com.

EVENTS COMING UP:

Christmas Disco for 4th, 5th and 6th class children will take place on December 12th in Mungret GAA Hall. More details will be on the app and website shortly

They have arranged for Santa to visit the classes on Wednesday, Dec. 19th.



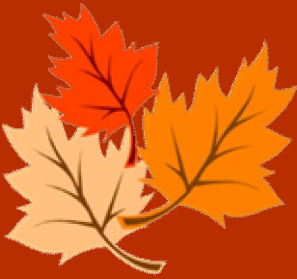
Limetree Theatre-
Heritage in Schools

Ailwee Caves

Exploration Dome

Aquarium, Galway

Magic Show



Science Week

This is an annual event in our school. It promotes how science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) are hugely relevant to us in everyday life and develop creativity in our children.

Children in all classes have been doing science related activities and experiments during the month. A number of trips have been arranged by Mr. Tobin, our science co-ordinator in conjunction with class teachers between now and January.

Our Junior Infants and 2nd classes will have a visit from the 'Exploration Dome' on January 18th. This is a mobile planetarium which is designed to explore science, astronomy, geology and geography in an interactive way.

Senior Infants and 1st Class will have a visit from Dale Threadwell and Lucy Hunt (Heritage Experts) in January. These are Interactive

workshops.

See <http://www.heritageinschools.ie> for additional information on the above experts.

3rd Class went to an interactive Science Magic Show in the Belltable on Oct 19th and are now Budding Scientists.

4th Class will visit the Aquarium in Galway in January where they will have a guided tour of the Aquarium followed by a set of science experiments.

Ms. Donnelly's 4th Class took part in '**BIGGER, BETTER, BRAINTEASER BANDITS**' workshop in Mary Immaculate on November 16th.

5th Class visited the Science Magic Show in the Belltable in October and on Nov. 12th two of our 5th classes with Ms. Geary's 6th class went to U.L to the 'Secrets of Superhero Science' on Nov. 12th.

6th Class went to the Limetree on November 5th to 'Look up—Science of Space live show with Simon Watt, who explored some of the science behind space exploration. Which planet is hottest? Which would float in a swimming pool? Which is the most studied?

A huge thank you to Mr. Tobin for organizing an impressive calendar of interactive and engaging events for our pupils.

It's fun,
it's cool

it's awesome.
It's science!

Junior Infants, Sept. 2019

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The first of the offers have been sent out and we will then operate a waiting list should any places become available over the coming months.

All applications for Junior Infants, Sept. 2019 remain valid until Sept. 30th,

Photographs

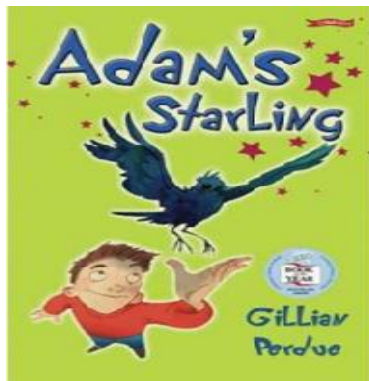
Our photographer will visit our school on Tuesday, November 20th to take photographs of our three Junior Infants Classes.

Can you please ensure your child is present and in full uniform on the date. (including our school tie)



November

Trip to Dooradoyle Library



On Thursday 24th October 4th class children visited Dooradoyle library to meet Gillian Perdue, the author of 'Adam's Starling', the novel the children have read last term.

Gillian entertained us with stories from her own childhood: her muinteoir with the ruler and her brother who played the 'typewriter game'. Gillian used her childhood experiences to explore what it is to be scared and to be bullied. This is a very serious topic but

through role play, mime and drama Gillian engaged and entertained each child for well over an hour.

Thank you to Ms. Niamh O'Rourke of Dooradoyle library for inviting our children to such a stimulating and inclusive experience.

Thank you to Mrs O'Mahony for organizing this event.

Dog's Trust visit to 2nd Class

All three 2nd Classes had some very important visitors on November 12th. Dawn and her fabulous dog Piper came in to us.

They learned all about the fantastic work that Dogs Trust do and Dawn shared with the classes all the important things that dogs need to be happy. They found out how to properly care for a dog and every child had an opportunity to show Piper their 'safe hand' and to rub him if they wished.

Many thanks to Ms. Toomey for organising this visit.



A big thank you to all parents and children who sent in shoe boxes over the past few weeks.

We collected over **237 boxes** this year and we are delighted with this show of generosity and your continued support over the years.

Spare Uniforms

If anybody has spare tracksuit pants or uniform pants that your child has grown out of we would appreciate any donation of these, particularly for the younger classes just to keep as spare ones in case of little accidents.

Thank you.

Camogie/Hurling **FUN**damental

S P O R T S K I L L S

Fundamental movement skills has begun for 1st class boys and girls in hurling and camogie.

It will take place every Tuesday this term except for Tuesday 4th of December due to parent teacher meetings.

Time: 2:15 to 3.10pm.

The teachers work on simple drills revising and advancing each week which will develop each child's athletic and personal capacity.



There is no charge for these lessons as Ms. O'Dea, Mr. Walsh, Ms O'Sullivan, Ms. Naughton, Mr. Madden, Mr. Hutton Ms. Donnelly and Ms. Mann are giving of their time voluntarily.

The school will supply the equipment needed for these lessons.

Camogie
Hurling
Creative Dance
Folk Dance

Dance

As part of our PE curriculum we have concluded our Swimming strand and are now teaching the Dance strand to our pupils for a period of 6 weeks. Ashley O'Toole, dance teacher is teaching some classes a combination of Creative Dance and Folk dance for 6 weeks which will bring us up to our Christmas holidays.

Thanks to our teacher, Mr. Carroll for organizing this part of our PE curriculum.

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Mungret/St Paul's GAA Training

U-6's Hurling Monday night at 6pm in the CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE school at 6pm (€2 payment each night)

U8 hurling Friday night at 6pm in the CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE school at 6pm (€2 payment each night)

U6 and 8 football on Saturday at 11am in the Mungret St. Pauls pitches (boys at main club pitch, girls at the village pitch, past the church in Mungret, left road at roundabout, park on left, pitch on right by soccer pitches)

U8 Camogie Thursday 6pm in the CRESCENT COLLEGE COMPREHENSIVE school at 6pm (€2 payment each night)

We recently featured in the Limerick Leader for two events in our school.....

The first was when the Leader came to visit Ms. Hayes' 2nd class and spoke to the children about Halloween and the 2nd event was when the McCarthy Cup with some members of the All Ireland Hurling and Ladies Football Team came to our school.

Thanks to Wanda Dwane who took pictures of our GAA visitors and forwarded them to the Limerick Leader on our behalf.

The following links will direct you to both articles.....below is a selection of some of the photos.....

<http://epaper.limerickleader.ie/iconic/pageflip/swipe/limerickleaderwed/20181031limerickleaderwed#/36/>

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St Paul's turn up the terror for Oíche Shamhna



Some of Mr. Kirby's 5th Class pupils were delighted to get to hold the Ladies Football cup



Pupils from Mr. Hutton's first class get the chance to lift the West County Hotel Cup



First class supporters delighted to have met Pat Ryan and held the Liam MacCarthy cup



Two of Ms. McGrath's senior infants pupils



Some of Ms McNamara's First Class students with the Liam MacCarthy cup



Pat and Amy Ryan, Jenni O'Malley and principal of St. Paul's John Tuohy with the Liam MacCarthy and West County Hotel

Out & About

LIMERICK PLAYERS BRING ALL-IRELAND CUPS TO ST PAUL'S NATIONAL SCHOOL